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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 150 NEW JOBS FOR RANDOLPH COUNTY
\$150,000 One North Carolina Fund Grant Helps Hubbell Industrial Controls Expand

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley today announced that Hubbell Industrial Controls, a leading manufacturer of industrial and logistics controls and sensors, is expanding its facility in Archdale, creating 150 new jobs and \$4.5 million in investment to the area during the next three years. The announcement is made possible in part by a \$150,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund.

"Hubbell Industrial Controls' decision to expand its North Carolina operation is testament to our excellent workforce, top-notch educational system and business-friendly climate," said Easley. "Support of our existing industries is one of the reasons North Carolina's business climate has been ranked number one in the nation for four of the last five years by *Site Selection* magazine."

Hubbell Industrial Controls manufactures a wide range of electrical components for industrial applications. The new jobs will be primarily manufacturing, assembly, engineering and administrative positions. Though wages will vary, the expected average wage for the new positions is \$666 a week plus benefits, which is higher than the Randolph County average of \$537 a week, not including benefits.

Hubbell Industrial Controls, a subsidiary of Hubbell Inc. of Orange, Conn., first began operations at its Archdale facility in 1994. The company will begin the expansion in 2005 and expects to be operational by spring 2006. It currently employs 90 people in North Carolina.

"Hubbell Industrial Controls selected Archdale for the expansion based on similarity of the new product lines to company's current product offering, the availability of skilled labor in Randolph County, and the support of the local and state government to the expansion project," said David King, Hubbell Industrial Controls' vice president and general manager.

Other partners in this project include the N.C. Department of Commerce, Randolph County, the City of Archdale and the N.C. Community College System.

For more information about Hubbell Industrial Controls, please visit www.hubbell.com, or for information about job opportunities, call 336/434-2800 ext. 121.

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